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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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## Love So Amazing

By Rev. Robert T. Ketcham, D. D.  
Field Secretary of General Association of Regular Baptist Churches

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

This morning I want us to think together around the theme, "Love So Amazing, So Divine." John 3:16 is perhaps the most popular verse; perhaps the best known verse of the Scriptures and yet, I think, so little understood: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Lying right on the surface of this text are at least seven revelations of the marvelous, infinite love of God which we may have overlooked, or at least didn't look into sufficiently.

John 3:16 is one of the verses in the Bible that suffers from too much familiarity. It is like the first verse of Psalm 23. It is easily memorized and you always have it ready in your pocket when the preacher asks for verses, and you jump up and say, "For-God-so-loved-the-world-that-he-gave-his-only-begotten-Son-that-whosoever-believeth-in-him-should-not-perish-but-have-everlasting-life." Period! You have recited a verse and that is about all you did do. Someone has said that familiarity with a thing breeds a contempt for it. You live with a thing, and in a certain atmosphere, and finally it loses either its attraction or its distaste, and it becomes sort of commonplace. So it is with this verse. May the Spirit of God help us this morning as we try to see what lies hidden underneath this matchless, marvelous gem of Scripture.

### I. Expressive In Its Action

I would observe, first of all, that this verse reveals that the love of God is expressive in its



Robert T. Ketcham

action. "God so loved that he gave." Any love that is love at all will sooner or later go into action. Love that is real love, love that is what it claims to be, must express itself. Love never can be satisfied by just mere contemplation and inner meditation. Sooner or later you are going to let the object of your love know it. The young fellow who calls upon his sweetheart doesn't sit over on one side of the room week after week and twirl his thumbs and roll his eyes, and keep saying to himself, "How I love her! Oh how I love her! Oh how I love her!" Then, around

ten o'clock get up and take his hat and go home; and then come back the next week and go through the same procedure! Sooner or later that fellow will go into action. Now when he does, it may be one of the most silly things you ever saw. The neighbors may laugh; even his girl friend may laugh, but it is serious with him! When love really goes into action, you never know what is going to happen, but something is bound to happen if it is real!

I remember one of those numerous occasions of mine that my father used irritatingly to call "puppy love." It made me mad, but that is what he called it, nevertheless. I think I was about fifteen, perhaps a little older, and I thought it was time to let her know that I kind of liked her. I remember I was on my first money-earning job away from home (getting 18 cents an hour, believe it or not). I had been feeling that this "love" of mine (at least, that is what I thought it was then) was going to get the best of me some day and I wanted to be prepared for action, so I had been saving up a little.

Well, I did; I went into action! Hah! Hah! I hope even you forget it after I tell you about it! I bought her a valentine. Believe it or not, sir, I paid sixteen dollars for it. Oh, you should have seen it! It was what out in Iowa we call a "doozey." (I used that word up in New England last spring and at the close of the service a rather distinguished looking gentleman walked up and said, "Dr. Ketcham, I am the president of the company that produces the Webster's Unabridged Dictionary. You used a new word tonight and

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## The Two Advents

By Dr. C. I. Scofield  
Editor Scofield Bible

KEY TEXT: "...When it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow." — I Pet. 1:11.

Whoever carefully considers Old Testament prophecies must be struck by two contrasting, and seemingly contradictory, lines of prediction concerning the coming Messiah.

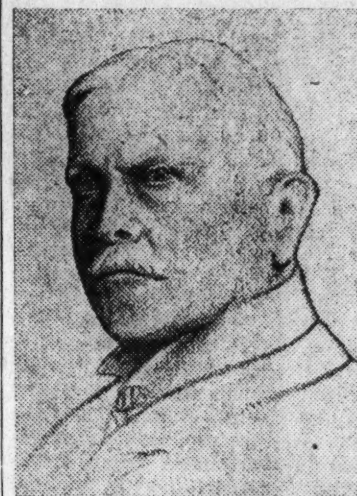
One body of prediction speaks of Him as coming in weakness and humiliation, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief, as a root out of dry ground, having no form nor comeliness, nor beauty that He should be desired. His visage is to be marred, His hands and feet pierced, He is to be forsaken of man and of God, and to make His grave with the wicked. See,

Isa. 53 (entire chap.).  
Isa. 7:14.  
Ps. 22:1-18.  
Dan. 9:26.  
Zech. 13:6, 7.  
Mark 14:27.

The other line of prophecy foretells a splendid and resistless Sovereign, purging the earth with awful judgments, regathering dispersed Israel, restoring the throne of David in more than Solomon's splendor, and introducing a reign of profound peace and perfect righteousness. See, as examples,

Isa. 11:1, 2, 10-12.  
Deut. 30:1-7.  
Isa. 9:6-7.  
Isa. 24:21-23.  
Isa. 40:9-11.  
Dan. 7:13, 14.  
Micah 5:2.  
Matt. 1:1.  
Matt. 2:2.  
Luke 1:31-33.  
Jer. 23:5-8.

In due time the fulfillment of Messianic prophecy began with the birth of the Virgin's Son according to Isaiah, in Bethlehem according to Micah, and proceeded with perfect literalness unto the full accomplishment of every prediction of Messiah's humiliation; for sin must first be put away, before the Kingdom could be es-



Dr. C. I. Scofield

tablished. But the Jews would not receive their King in the form in which He was presented, "meek and sitting upon an ass and a colt the foal of an ass;" and they crucified Him:

Zech. 9:9 with Matt. 21:1-5, etc. John 19:15, 16.

But we must not conclude that the wickedness of man has baffled the deliberate purpose of God, for His counsels include a second advent of His Son, when the predictions concerning Messiah's

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## Last Call For Letter Month

Letter Month Closes Tuesday, May 23. Only Writers of Letters Postmarked by Midnight May 23 Can Receive Premiums and Prizes. Write Today!

By John R. Rice, Editor

"If with pleasure you are viewing  
Anything a man is doing,  
If you prize him, if you love him,  
Tell him now!"

"Don't withhold your approbation  
Till the parson makes oration  
And he lies with many lilies on  
his brow."

"If you think some praise is due  
him,  
Now's the time to pass it to him."

About fifty workers in THE SWORD OF THE LORD office work continually to get out the gospel literature which is being used to save multitudes of souls and revive and bless Christians everywhere. As Editor I head this group. Mr. Charles T. Lampman, the managing editor, and Mr. Walter E. Handford, Jr., office manager, zealous, cultured and strong men, help me bear the burden of this great work. But the other men and women here are devoted Christians, giving their lives to this work. If there is anything you have to say that would encourage and help this great work, now is the time to say it! Write a letter!

Letter Month Closes Tuesday,  
May 23

This is the last appeal we can make for Letter Month this year. The Letter Month officially closes

at midnight Tuesday, May 23. Requests for free copies of the Rice brothers' chorus book, *Ten Revival Choruses*, with words, music, comments and illustrations, absolutely free, must be postmarked by midnight, May 23. I do not say that we must receive your letter here in the office by May 23, but it must be postmarked not later than that date.

If you want to buy my two books *The Ruin of a Christian* and *Is Jesus God?* each big \$2.00 books, both for \$3.00, then remember that price holds good only for letters mailed by midnight, May 23. You can save a dollar on two books that are very important by ordering at once. And if you do not find them worth more than the regular price, return them to us in good condition and get your money back without question! But if you want to save that dollar write today!

Remember that we are offering free with every \$1.00 retail order or more a copy of the pamphlet, *How Great Soul Winners Were Filled With the Holy Spirit*. Buy a book or send a subscription and get free this pamphlet, with attractive twenty-four pages telling experiences and testimonies and teachings of D. L. Moody, R. A. Torrey, Charles H. Spurgeon, Charles G. Finney, Billy Sunday, Evan Roberts, and other great

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## Blessings From the Mailbag

Typical letters from readers reveal how God is using the Editor's ministry to bring comfort and conviction to hundreds

By Charles T. Lampman, Managing Editor

It is always good to know that our efforts are being fruitful. That is why Dr. Rice receives so much inspiration from Letter Month letters. From the thousands of letters which have arrived during Letter Month these typical ones have been selected.

We thank God for a large group of readers who have been faithful readers for many years.

### Long-Time Readers Testify

I commenced taking THE SWORD OF THE LORD when it was just one sheet, four pages; and have been taking it ever since. I consider it to be the best religious paper that I can get for the price, and really I don't see how it can be improved any; however you will probably find a way to do so if it is at all possible. I am now nearly 80 years old and intend to continue taking your good paper as long as I shall live. After reading it myself I pass it along to someone else whom I think will be benefitted by reading it.

BEN F. MULLETT  
Williamsfield, Ohio

I have been taking THE SWORD OF THE LORD for almost four years now. And it has brought me from a backslidden sinner to rededicate my life to God and try to work for him. I am a young housewife

with two babies and the paper is desperately needed in homes like mine, because the sermons are so simple and truthful. It has been a great blessing to me, and also my husband has taken an interest in the church and its work, and has started tithing.

(MRS.) A. A. SMITH  
Meridian, Miss.

It is with great pleasure I write you to let you know what THE SWORD OF THE LORD has meant to me. I have been a constant subscriber to your paper for the past five years. As a preacher and pastor I have received many inspiring thoughts from the sermon material. I am sure you would not care if I told you I have used some of the material myself.

(REV.) NEAL POWERS  
Harlan, Kentucky

It was about five years ago that a friend of mine sent me a year's subscription to THE SWORD. Ever since then it has been a genuine

blessing to me. I attended the Sword Conference in 1947 and Siloam Springs in 1948 and I am telling, Dr. Rice, my ministry has not been the same since. I have a new passion for souls; a deeper hunger for revival; a continuous desire for the power of the Holy Spirit. You can see, Dr. Rice, just what you and your paper have meant to me.

(REV.) JOHN TRACY  
Paducah, Kentucky

I would like to say first that THE SWORD OF THE LORD is a great blessing in my ministry I have been receiving it since 1944 and I think I have every copy since that

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Your last chance to write a letter that would comfort us and perhaps even be published in *THE SWORD OF THE LORD* is here announced. Remember Letter Month definitely closes on Tuesday, May 23!

### Have You Any Debts Unpaid, Any Vows Unfilled, Any Duties Yet Undone?

You who read this, do you really feel that you have no obligation in the world to see that *THE SWORD OF THE LORD* gets in the hands of preachers, or ministerial students, or unsaved people, or church workers? Do you really feel that you have no obligation in this matter? You who feel an obligation to go to church, how can you feel it does not matter whether or not the gospel in print is sent to sinners? You who give money to the church, how can you feel that you have no obligation to give out Christian literature? You who believe in personal soul winning, how can you avoid the responsibility that you have to get the gospel to others through *THE SWORD OF THE LORD* literature?

It is not a question of giving some man a profit. You know that *The Sword of the Lord* Foundation is a non-profit corporation, that I as editor of *THE SWORD OF THE LORD* have not a cent of salary, and as president of the Foundation take no salary. God is my witness how sacrificially I have labored these long years to bring back revival, to stir the hearts of Christian workers, to teach people how to win souls, how to be filled with the Holy Spirit, how to have their prayers answered. He knows how earnestly I have tried, in every way in the world, to get out the gospel. But do you really think that God wants me to sacrifice and give and sweat and cry and pray and plan to get out this literature, despite the fact that my work is revival work, and that I must be gone speaking several times a day most of the year and want you to do little or nothing about it? Do you feel that God has no work for you to do about it, and that you can take no responsibility?

I know that there are people to whom you ought to send subscriptions. There is some man swept off his feet by teaching in high school or college who ought to get my book, *Is Jesus God?* There is some backslidden Christian who ought to be made into a warm, Spirit-filled and separated Christian by the book, *The Ruin of a Christian*. There are countless homes that would be blessed more by a subscription to *THE SWORD OF THE LORD* than almost any other way open to you. Then I simply ask you in Jesus' name to pay your honest debts to God and to sinners, to make good the vows you have often made, to fulfill

your simple obligation as a Christian.

I write these things not as editor of *THE SWORD OF THE LORD*, but as preacher of the gospel trying to get Christians to do right, trying to get others to do their part in bringing about a revival, trying to get Christians to get the gospel to their unsaved loved ones and neighbors.

We have made it easy. We have given special incentives to write. Now all I ask is that every Christian who reads this simply ask God what he ought to do to help get out the gospel before Letter Month closes, and do it!

It is true that I want your letters telling how people have been blessed through *THE SWORD OF THE LORD*, through my book on *Prayer*, through the beautiful pamphlet on *Heaven*, through the little sermon tract, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" and other books. It is true that I would be greatly encouraged to have suggestions about how to make *THE SWORD OF THE LORD* more effective, and honest criticism by those who could show us a better way. It is true that I feel we have a right to expect those who are blessed by the literature to remember us and say so.

But far more important than the comfort and joy you might bring to us here in *THE SWORD OF THE LORD* office is the good that you could do and ought to do, taking advantage of Letter Month to send your subscriptions, or to buy some good books, or to send a gift for the Free Literature Fund. Here, through many years, we have proven that six or eight dollars will win a soul to Christ when so invested. Nearly five thousand letters from people telling how they found Christ, or how a loved one turned to Christ through this literature proves what we say. So now, in the dear Saviour's name, I suggest that you take advantage of Letter Month and let us have a wonderful, triumphant, overwhelming response with multiplied thousands of letters. I want to see Christians doing their duty, paying their vows, carrying their part of the obligation to get out the gospel. Let us have thousands of subscriptions to *THE SWORD OF THE LORD*, let us have orders for Christian books, let us have gifts to the Free Literature Fund which is getting out the gospel booklet in hundreds of thousands of copies in Japan, and in Spanish-speaking countries, and in every English-speaking country, and around the world.

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## Mailbag

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date in my study. My heart is really blessed in reading of the great sermons published in this magazine and my ministry has been enriched as a result.

A. C. CARPENTER, Pastor  
Level Grove Baptist Church  
Cornelia, Georgia

For more than five years now I have been a subscriber to *THE SWORD OF THE LORD*. I just cannot tell you what your ministry has meant to me through this paper and through the Book Club of which I am a member. Your book *The Fullness of the Spirit* has meant more to me than any other book I have ever read written by man.

Last year I attended the Conference at Toccoa, Georgia, and since then your ministry has meant even more to me. It was truly a great Conference and a great joy to meet you and your helpers in person. Thank God for you and the great work you are doing. You certainly have my prayers.

G. R. TUREMAN, Minister  
Elsom, Virginia

I wish I were able to express the way I feel about *THE SWORD OF THE LORD*. I have been a subscriber for at least six years, and I never expect to be without it. I have received more spiritual help than any paper or person. It has helped me to understand the Bible and to be a better Sunday school teacher.

(MRS.) LUCILE CARTER  
Dade City, Florida

### The Sword Goes to School

I take *THE SWORD OF THE LORD* to school with me and my English teacher enjoys reading it. Then when she's through with it I pass it around to my school friends. Some are saved and some are unsaved. Some of them hurry through their work and read it in their study period. I pray that as the unsaved read it that

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it today! Remember Letter Month closes midnight May 23. Have your letter mailed before that time.

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Thousands of readers must hurry to meet May 23 deadline for 1950 Letter Month Campaign

By Charles T. Lampman, Managing Editor

Inveterate procrastinators will have to hurry up and write their Letter Month letter if they want to be numbered with the thousands of *THE SWORD OF THE LORD* readers who have already sent letters. The deadline has been set for midnight May 23.

Thousands of readers have already written. Their letters are a constant source of amazement, blessing and comfort to Dr. Rice and to all of us who have a part in the widespread activities of *SWORD OF THE LORD*. Some of these letters are reproduced in this issue and others will follow in the future.

### Chorus Book Still Available

We urge those who have not already sent a word of praise to God or testimony of blessing through the ministry of Evangelist John R. Rice to do so immediately. Requests for free copies of *Ten Revival Choruses* will not be honored after the midnight May 23 deadline. Till then everyone who writes may have a free copy simply by asking for it.

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After midnight May 23 all offers made in connection with Letter Month will be withdrawn. Till then readers ordering *Sword of the Lord* publications costing one dollar or more will receive, if they ask for it, *How Great Soul Winners Were Filled With the Holy Spirit*, a 24-page pamphlet by John R. Rice.

The May 23 deadline also cancels the offer of *The Heavyweight Champion Who Lost His Title*, a new \$1.50 book by Bill Rice given with each retail order for \$5.00. This offer is still made to writers whose letters are post-

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Time and again as I have talked to our board and faculty members since discovering these new office facilities, I have stated, "If we had asked God to prepare such a suite of rooms, we could not have asked Him for anything better." We thank God for this wonderful revelation of His grace.

We are grateful to a few friends who made it possible for us to purchase a new Baldwin Electronic organ. However, God does not perform His works in an incomplete way. He has also provided us with an organ teacher well known to our readers through his past radio and teaching ministry, none other than Eric Franker. Mr. Franker dedicated our organ on Tuesday, May 9.

This move is enabling Central Conservatory to adjust its tuition rates to a normal level without impairing its educational standards. Several changes have now been made whereby students can cut considerably from the tuition rates of the past year.

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Tuesday, May 23, the Central Conservatory oratorio society will present its faculty and students in Handel's "Messiah." This will be a scholarship benefit performance. We solicit your prayerful co-operation. Write for information on the summer school term beginning July 5. I would appreciate hearing from you.

Yours, singing His praise,  
Dr. Robert L. Hudson

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the their eyes may be opened to the truth. They enjoy it so much that they ask me to bring it again. Each one that has read it has told me of the blessings they have received.

PHYLLIS REYNOLDS  
Montrose, Pa.

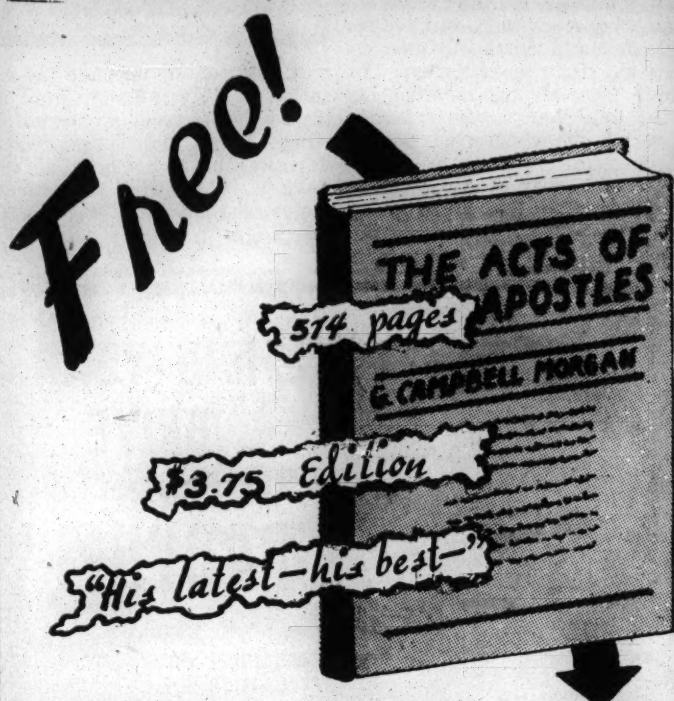
### "What" Has Proven Successful

Dr. Rice, your tract, *What Must I Do to be Saved*, has proven successful many times to me in my ministry. Recently, a young man 34 years of age was saved on his

death bed due to the plain message in your little booklet that I left with him to read. Then again I baptized a man 78 years old who saw salvation clearly after reading your booklet. This same man had had sat under 15 years of preaching.

May the Holy Spirit continue to use you and your pen as well as THE SWORD OF THE LORD.

JOHN ANTHONY, Pastor  
Boomer Baptist Church  
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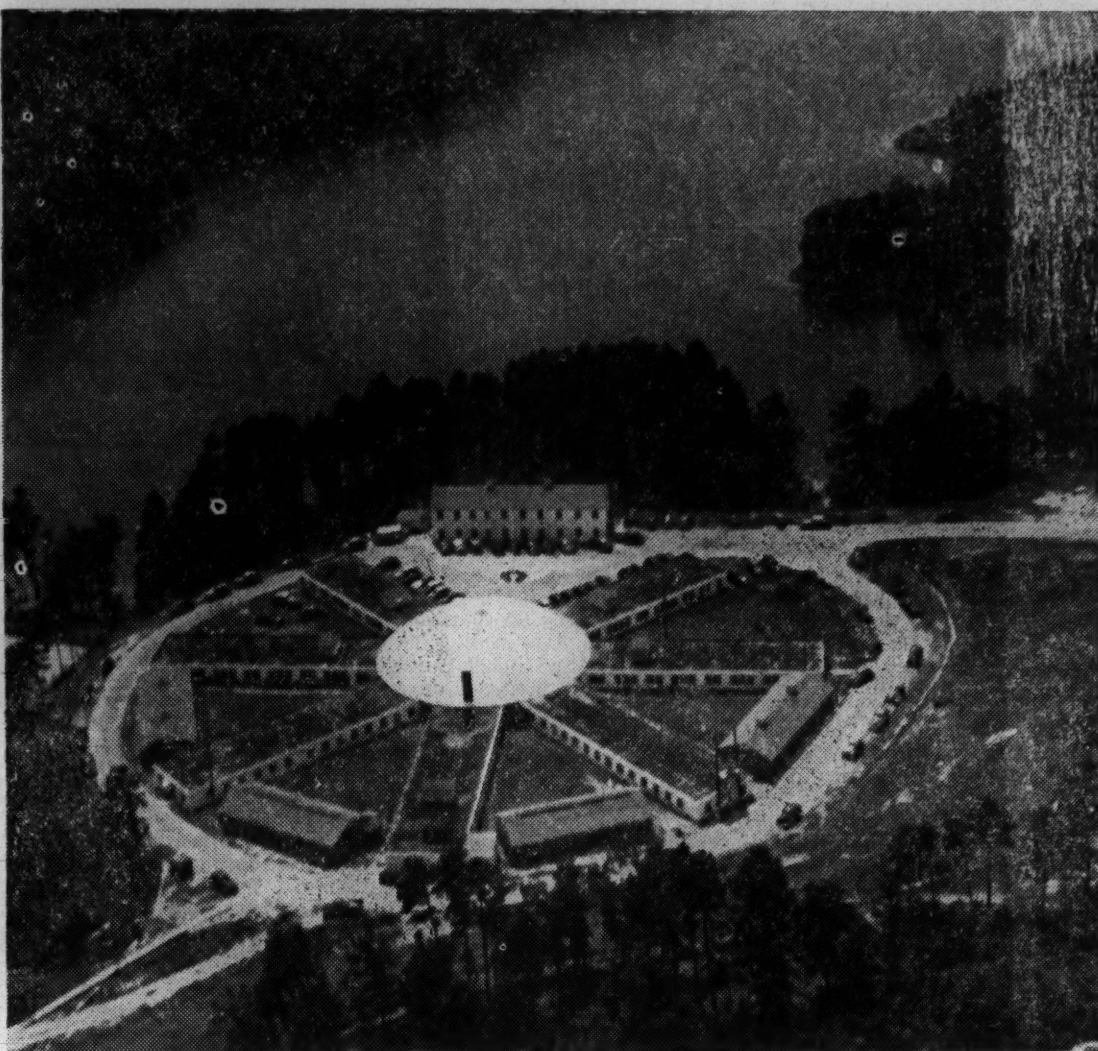
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## The Two Advents

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earthly glory will receive the same precise and literal fulfillment as did those which concerned His earthly sufferings.

Hosea 3:4, 5. Acts 1:6, 7.  
Luke 1:31-33. Acts 15:14-17.  
(verse 31 has already been literally fulfilled). Matt. 24:27-30.

The Jews were slow of heart to believe all that the prophets had spoken concerning the SUFFERINGS of their Messiah; we are slow of heart to believe all that they have spoken concerning His GLORY. Surely the greater reproach is ours, for it ought to be easier to believe that the Son of God would come "in the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory," than that He would come as the Babe of Bethlehem, and the Carpenter of Nazareth. Indeed, we believe the latter because it has happened, not because the prophets foretold it, and it is time we ceased to reproach the Jews for their unbelief. If it be asked how they could possibly be blinded to the evident meaning of so many and such unequivocal predictions, the answer is, that they were blinded in exactly the same way that many Christians are blinded to the equally evident meaning of a far greater number of predictions of His earthly glory, viz., by the process of "spiritualizing" Scripture. In other words, the ancient

scribes told the people that the prophecies of Messiah's sufferings were not to be interpreted literally, just as some modern scribes are telling the people that the prophecies of Messiah's earthly glory are not to be literally interpreted.

But the second advent is a promise to the Church as well as to the Jew. Among the last words of comfort and exhortation addressed by our Lord to His perplexed and sorrowing disciples before He accomplished the sacrifice of the cross were these: "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:1-3).

Here the Lord speaks of His coming again in precisely the same terms as of His departure. The latter was, we know, personal and bodily. If we say that the former is impersonal and spiritual, surely to such a forced interpretation of simple language we ought to be constrained only by the most imperative and unqualified scripture elsewhere. But no such passages exist.

But we are not left to doubt upon this vital point, nor to the conclusions of reason, however irresistible.

In the very moment of our Lord's disappearance from the sight of His disciples, "two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? THIS SAME JESUS, which is taken up from you into heaven,

shall so come IN LIKE MANNER as ye have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:10, 11).

To the same purport is I Thess. 4:16, 17:

For THE LORD HIMSELF shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet THE LORD in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious APPEARING of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ (Titus 2:13).

For our citizenship is in heaven; from whence also WE WAIT for a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: who shall fashion anew the body of our humiliation, that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, according to the working whereby he is able even to subject all things unto himself (Phil. 3:20, 21 R. V.).

Beloved, now are we the sons of God; and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, WHEN HE SHALL APPEAR, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is (I John 3:2).

And behold, I COME quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be (Rev. 22:12).

For this "blessed hope" we are taught to "watch" (Mark 13:33, 35, 37; Matt. 24:42; 25:13); "wait," (I Thess. 1:10); and be "ready" (Matt. 24:44). The last prayer in the Bible is one for Christ's speedy return (Rev. 22:20).

By these scriptures it abundantly appears that the second advent will be personal and bodily; therefore it does not mean the death of the believer, nor the destruction of Jerusalem, nor the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, nor the gradual diffusion of Christianity; but that it is the "blessed hope" of the Church, the time when sleeping saints will be raised, and, together with saints then living, who will be "changed" (I Cor. 15:51, 52), caught up to meet the Lord; the time when we who are now the sons of God will be like Him, and when faithful saints will be rewarded for works of faith, for His name's sake, after they have been saved.

The following scriptures will further bring into view the contrast between the two advents of our Lord. Compare:

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God's people everywhere are rejoicing over the current reports of spontaneous revival fires springing up all over the country. Dr. Rice and his coworkers have long been pioneers in the field of evangelism. We believe that the current trend of revival spirit can be traced, in part at least, to the more than seven million pieces of Sword of the Lord literature—books, booklets and pamphlets—which have been distributed in recent years.

We are pleased to publish these reports from time to time God is blessing these men who are standing true to His Word and souls are being revived and won to Him. The prayer interest of each reader is most earnestly coveted for these and other faithful evangelists.

### Comer Revival at Dallas

The Hermanville Methodist Church has just closed its revival which was under the leadership of Evangelist G. P. Comer of Dallas, Texas. The attendance has far superseded any revival there in recent years. The church was filled to capacity and the aggregate attendance was about four times that of any previous revival. The local Baptist Church responded with splendid cooperation giving four regular preaching services and two prayer meetings.

### 100 Won at Greensburg

Rev. John Young of Vestal, New York has just completed an outstanding revival at the Church of the Open Door in Greensburg, Pennsylvania of which A. F. Banker, D.D., is pastor. Over 100 took their stand of consecration and a great number were saved. Conviction was manifested upon many who had no peace and could not sleep until they yielded to the Lord. The pastor says, "It has been a God sent revival for which we were praying and do praise God." Rev. Mr. Young, according to reports reaching us, preached some very outstanding messages.

### Jon Pirtle at Katy, Texas

Rev. Jon A. Pirtle of Atlanta, Georgia, has just closed a revival at the First Baptist Church of Katy, Texas, where Wm. M. Davis is pastor. There were 48 coming either upon a profession of faith or by letter. This is said to be the greatest revival in the history of the Katy Church. Last year 41 came by all methods.

### Atlanta Invites Eddie Martin

Evangelist Eddie Martin just finished a two-week campaign at Inman Park Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia. One hundred thirty-two were saved and already over 100 have been baptized. Eddie received an immediate invitation to return in 1951 when the Church will erect a tent seating 3,000 people.

### Cutchin Visits North Star

Pastor Ernest J. Dunn, North Star, Michigan, speaking about a series of evangelistic meetings in his church writes: "Thank you for sending Raymond and Ruth Cutchin to us. He had in all 37 decisions, most of them being young people of high school age and adults."

### Tom C. Fair Blessing To Kennewick, Wash.

From R. E. Stanley Hunt, Pastor First Baptist Church, Kennewick, Washington, comes this happy report:

"Evangelist Tom C. Fair, Mrs. Eva Fair, pianist and Rev. Paul Coulombe, soloist and song leader, held a series of meetings at First Baptist Church, Kennewick, Washington, from February 12 to March 8. These meetings, originally scheduled for two weeks, were extended by reason of the great interest and continuous response to the gospel invitation. Kennewick is the center of a fast growing area, the Atomic Energy Commission having a vast project not far away.

"From the very first night response to the invitation began and, in all meetings but one, some went into the inquiry room. Christians sought victory, sinners sought sal-

### Pray For Dr. Rice

As this issue goes to press Dr. Rice is beginning a series of union revival meetings in Clarksburg, West Virginia. The meetings will be held from May 7 to 28. Readers in that area are invited to attend the meetings. Those who are unable to attend may be sure that their prayer interest is both needed and appreciated.

vation, and praise was offered by vast audiences drawn from many churches. Seating was often difficult to find though every available space was used, and on two nights an overflow group was reached by a public address system. It was the greatest series ever held in the area, according to old timers.

"The church is happy to have had the service and fellowship of the evangelistic party whom God used so mightily."

### Douglas Winn Blessed in Smithfield, N. Car.

Evangelist Doug Winn, reporting from his home, 911 Myrtle Rd., Martinsville, Virginia, says:

"The Lord was so wonderful to us in meetings just closed in Smithfield, North Carolina. Thirty-six precious souls came to Christ in six nights. There were such large crowds and such interest that I have been invited back for a month of city-wide meetings in one of the warehouses there.

"This week I have been at Floyd, Virginia. After the closing service tonight I leave for two campaigns in the First Baptist Church of Davis, Oklahoma, and the Calvary Baptist Church of Reno, Nevada."

### Dan Vestal at Houston

Evangelist Dan Vestal of Ft. Worth, Texas has just conducted his second revival with the Hubbard Memorial Baptist Church in Houston, Texas, within the past twelve months resulting in 21 conversions with several true rededications and additions. His ministry was unusually effective in this return engagement, according to Pastor James C. Carder.

### Eddie Wagner Signally Honored in Quincy, Ill.

Special meetings conducted by Evangelist Eddie Wagner at Calvary Baptist Church, March 5-19, were signally honored of the Lord with about 40 decisions and a number of rededications. Evangelist Wagner is forceful and fearless.

The last Sunday afternoon of the meetings, in spite of a raging blizzard, the people nearly filled the main auditorium to hear Wagner's sermon using the Catholic Bible.

### Kenneth Chapman Stirred Mulberry Grove, Ill.

This happy report came from Pastor George M. Hudson:

"Our church, the Hagerstown Baptist Church, brought to a close a twelve night revival last night. We enjoyed the power of the Holy Spirit in these services. People came and filled the pews, the Word was preached, sinners were convicted in their hearts and, as a result, there were 22 professions of faith and 16 additions to the church.

"One entire family was saved—the father, mother, son and daughter. Another father, son and daughter found the Lord, but in this home, the mother was already a Christian.

"Brother Kenneth Chapman was the evangelist and his heart-stirring messages were an inspiration



Charles E. Fuller

WHEN RADIO'S outstanding full-hour religious program, "The Old Fashioned Revival Hour," begins its second year over the coast-to-coast facilities of the American Broadcasting Company on Sunday, June 18, it will be heard simultaneously in all sections of the country. Heretofore, the services held in the Long Beach, California Municipal Auditorium on Sunday afternoons have been recorded and broadcast the following Sunday from 8:00 to 9:00 A. M. in all time zones. Under the new setup, "The Old Fashioned Revival Hour" services will be held from 1:00-2:00 P. M., PDT, in the Long Beach Auditorium and will be broadcast live at that time from coast-to-coast.

to all who came. I am praying that God will richly bless his efforts as he goes up and down the land preaching the gospel of the Son of God."

### Hear Monroe Parker in Charlottesville, Va.

From Pastor Gordon M. Cathey, Christian and Missionary Alliance Church, Charlottesville, Virginia, comes this glowing report:

"We have tasted revival in this university town under the spirit-filled ministry of Dr. Monroe Parker. The campaign began March 5, in the Alliance Church. Interest grew and by Friday night of the first week the church was holding capacity crowds.

"We accepted the invitation of the local Presbyterian Church to hold the last four services in their large auditorium. The second Sunday of the campaign an interdenominational rally was held in the local high school auditorium. The meeting was reportedly the largest interdenominational evangelistic rally held in Charlottesville since the days of Gypsy Smith and Billy Sunday.

"Many decisions were made for Christ and we are still hearing

echoes of spiritual revival among those who attended the services, not only from our church, but from churches throughout the city.

"Dr. Parker has a unique ministry. He is dramatic in his delivery, but practical in his approach. His message is Christ, his authority, the Word of God, and his appeal, soul-searching. As a young minister, it has been an inspiration to labor and fellowship with one so humble in spirit and so consecrated in his ministry."

### Bob Lang Praises God

for Marion (S. C.) Revival Evangelist Bob Lang, Box 1172, Greenville, S. Car., reports: "Last week I was in a farming community outside Marion, S. C. Although we were there but for six days, the Lord graciously gave us thirty-six decisions for Him. The unique part of this meeting lay in the fact that it was attended by many, many unsaved people. On the evening when we asked for a show of hands of the unsaved people, by far the majority of people raised their hands. At the

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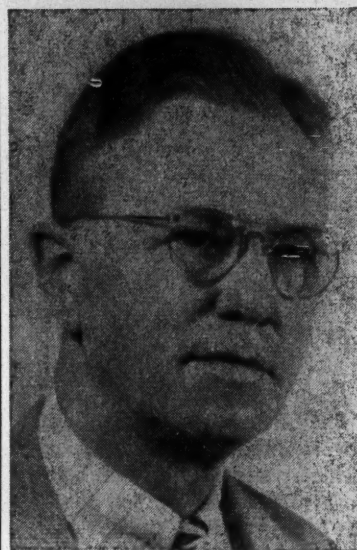
conclusion of the message the invitation was given and without any urging or pressure we would see sinners flock down the aisle to the altar to take Christ as their Saviour. We praise Him for the victories that were won in this campaign."

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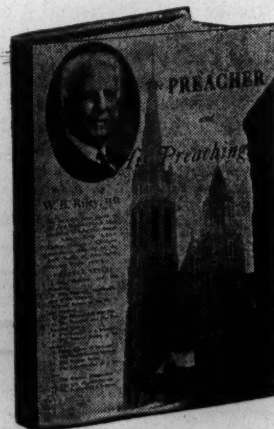
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## The Two Advents

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**First Advent.** And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn (Luke 2:7).

But now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself (Heb. 9:26).

For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost (Luke 19:10).

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved (John 3:17).

And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world (John 12:47).

**Second Advent.** And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven; and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory (Matt. 24:30).

So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time, without sin, unto salvation (Heb. 9:28).

And to you who are troubled, rest with us: when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Thess. 1:7, 8).

Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness, by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead (Acts 17:31).

The student may multiply these contrasts almost indefinitely. Enough, however, has been adduced to show that both the promises to Israel and to the Church imperatively require a return of our Lord to the earth.

NOTE.—It may be helpful to beginners in Bible study to consider, briefly, the various theories which are here and there put forward to oppose the scriptural doctrine of the personal and corporeal return, or second advent of Christ.

It will, of course, be clearly understood that the scriptures which speak of His visible and bodily appearing at the close of this dispensation must be distinguished from those which refer to His divine attributes of omniscience and omnipresence, by virtue of which He knows all things and is always present everywhere, and of which such passages as Matt. 18:20 and Matt. 28:20 are examples.

It is blessedly true that, in this sense, He is with us always, even unto the end of the age.

But the "MAN CHRIST JESUS" is now personally and corporeally at the right hand of God, as Acts 1:9-11 plainly declares: And when he had spoken these things, while

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they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven. Stephen saw Him there: But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, and said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God (Acts 7:55, 56).

...When he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high (Heb. 1:3).

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God (Col. 3:1).

To illustrate: During the Franco-Prussian war, Von Moltke, by his genius and skill, and by a network of telegraph wires, was really present on every battlefield, though visibly and personally

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ly present in his office in Berlin. Later in the war he joined the army before Paris, after which his actual and visible presence was there. So our Lord, by virtue of His divine attributes, is really present with His Church now, but He will be visibly and personally upon the earth at His second coming.

1. The prophecies concerning the return of the Lord were not fulfilled by the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, nor by His manifestation in powerful revivals and happy prayer-meetings, because:

1st. This interpretation practically nullifies the doctrine of the Trinity—making the Holy Spirit only a manifestation of Christ.

2nd. Because, in Christ's promise of the descent of the Spirit He distinctly speaks of Him as "ANOTHER Comforter" (John 14:16); and in John 16:7 Christ says: "If I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart I will send him unto you."

3rd. Because, the inspired writers of Acts, the Epistles, and of Revelation, mention the return of the Lord more than one hundred and fifty times after Pentecost, and always as yet future.

4th. Because, None of the events predicted to accompany the second advent of Christ occurred at Pentecost. These are: The resurrection of sleeping saints (1 Cor. 15:22, 23; 1 Thess. 4:13-16); the "change" of living believers, by which they "put on incorruption"—their "vile bodies" being "fashioned like unto His glorious body," and their being caught up to meet the Lord in the air (1 Cor. 15:51-53; 1 Thess. 4:17; Phil. 3:20, 21); and the mourning of all the tribes of the earth because of the visible coming of the Son of man in power and great glory (Matt. 24:29, 30; Rev. 1:7).

These are the phenomena associated with the event of our Lord's return. When He comes, these phenomena will be present. Not one of these things occurred at Pentecost, nor in any other manifestation of the Holy Spirit.

2. The conversion of a sinner is not the coming of the Lord. One would think this theory too puerile to be seriously put forth as a sufficient explanation of prophecies so numerous and circumstantial. We need only say that,

1st. According to Scripture this is exactly reversed. Conversion is the coming of a sinner to Christ, not the coming of Christ to a sinner (Matt. 11:28; John 5:40; John 7:37; John 6:37).

2nd. None of the events above enumerated, predicted to occur when the Lord returns, accompany the conversion of a sinner.

3. The death of a Christian is not the coming of Christ; for

1st. When the disciples understood the Lord to say that one of their number should tarry till He came, the saying went abroad among them that "that disciple should not die" (John 21:22-24).

2nd. The inspired writers always refer to a believer's death as his departure. In not one instance is the coming of the Lord connected with a Christian's death. See Phil. 1:23; 2 Tim. 4:6; 2 Cor. 5:8. Dying Stephen saw the heavens opened, and the Son of man—not coming, but—"STANDING on the right hand of God" (Acts 7:55, 56).

3rd. None of the events predicted to occur when the Lord returns accompany the death of a Christian.

4. The destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans was not the second coming of Christ; for

1st. In Matt. 24, and Luke 21, three events are foretold: The destruction of the temple, the coming of the Lord, and the end of the world (age). See Matt. 24:3. It was the needless confusion of these perfectly distinct things which gave rise to the notion that the fulfillment of one was the fulfillment of all.

2nd. The apostle John wrote the book of Revelation after the destruction of Jerusalem, but still speaks of the coming of the Lord as a future event (Rev. 1:4, 7; 2:25; 3:11; 22:7, 12, 20). The last promise of the Bible is, "Surely, I come quickly," the last prayer, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

3rd. None of the events predicted to occur when the Lord returns occurred when Jerusalem was destroyed. See 1 Thess. 4:14-17; Matt. 24:29-31; Matt. 25:31, 32, etc.

5. The diffusion of Christianity is not the second coming of Christ; for

1st. The diffusion of Christianity is gradual, whereas the Scriptures refer to the return of the Lord as sudden and unexpected (Matt. 24:27, 36-42, 44, 50; 2 Pet. 3:10; Rev. 3:3).

2nd. The diffusion of Christianity is a process; Scripture invariably speaks of the return of the Lord as an event.

3rd. The diffusion of Christianity brings salvation to the wicked, whereas the coming of Christ is said to bring, not salvation to them, but "sudden destruction" (1 Thess. 5:2, 3; 2 Thess. 1:7-10; Matt. 25:31-46).

6. Nor do these alleged explanations and theories, though widespread, appear in the books of reputable theologians of any school or denomination, nor are they maintained by a single exegete of universally recognized eminence. These all maintain the bodily and visible second coming of Christ.

It is, however, sometimes said that this coming cannot occur until after the world has been converted by the preaching of the gospel, and has submitted to the spiritual reign of Christ for one thousand years. It is submitted that this view is wholly erroneous, because:

1st. Scripture clearly describes the condition of the earth at the second coming of Christ to be one, not of millennial blessedness, but of awful wickedness (Luke 17:26-32, with Gen. 6:5-7 and Gen. 13:13; Luke 18:8; Luke 21:25-27).

2nd. Scripture describes the whole course of this dispensation from the beginning to the end in such terms as to exclude the possibility of a converted world in any part of it (Matt. 13:36-43, 47-50; Matt. 25:1-10; 1 Tim. 4:1; 2 Tim. 3:1-9; 4:3, 4; 2 Pet. 3:3, 4; Jude 17-19).

3rd. The purpose of God in this dispensation is declared to be, not the conversion of the world, but to "gather out of the Gentiles a people for His name." After this He "will return," and then, and not before, will the world be converted. See Acts 15:14-17; Matt. 24:14 ("for a witness"); Rom. 1:5 ("among," not "of" all nations); Rom. 11:14 ("some," not "all"); 1 Cor. 9:22; Rev. 5:9 ("out of," not "all" of).

4th. It would be impossible to "watch" and "wait" for an event which we knew could not occur for more than one thousand years.

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## Love So Amazing

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I am interested. I think I'd like to publish it in the next edition. Doozey—how do you spell it?" I said, "Well, let's settle for dizzy, will you?"

But you should have seen that valentine! It was about two feet high, stood on an easel, and at least eighteen inches across, and the box that it came in was about eight inches deep. It was made of solid, genuine celluloid—just rolls, and rolls, and rolls, and rolls of it, all perforated and filigreed, and flumiddled, sixteen bucks worth of it! And right in the middle where all these little rolls went out, you know, right in the middle was a bare spot that went way to the back wall of the thing and away back there in that little frame was a great big red heart with an arrow right spang through it. Sixteen dollars worth! I hope she got the idea. I think she did. But, anyhow, love sooner or later goes into action, and when it does, it may be demonstrative and it may be something that no one else can understand but you, but it is love nevertheless.

So, I think it was, with the great heart of God. God so loved. He loved Adam and Eve. He loved right on down through the unfolding centuries of the Old Testament. Loving! Loving! Loving! He sent messengers to tell the people that He loved them. For four thousand years God sat yonder in the Heavens looking down upon a race of men and women and saying, "How I love them! How I love them!" Then, one day, divine love went into action. Love must let the object of its love know that it is loved.

I think we have an illustration of what I am trying to say to you this morning in the eleventh and twelfth chapters of John's Gospel. You remember the case of Lazarus who had taken ill and the doctors had no doubt come and ministered; and then he wasn't able to go to the office any more, he had to stay home. Weeks dragged into months, and he became worse and worse, and then the sisters, Mary and Martha, sent for the Lord, but He didn't come. One day Lazarus breathed his last and was wrapped in grave-clothes and taken out to the sepulcher, and Mary and Martha had come back to the little home. Then, four days later, the Lord Jesus Christ had come and He had taken the sisters out to the sepulcher and the stone had been rolled away and Lazarus was brought out alive and well.

And now, in the twelfth chapter of John, a few months later, a supper is being given in the Bethany home in honor of Jesus. The record here is interesting. It says that Lazarus was one of those reclining at the table. Martha is out in the kitchen serving, and Mary is seated there in the dining-room watching the festive scene. I can reconstruct the scene in my imagination now. As she sits there in the dining-room, looking over the guests at the table, her eyes rest upon Lazarus, and she lives over those days of awful concern and the day when death had come. She lives over again the hour of his burial. She lives over again the day when she and her sister came back to the little home in Bethany where the light had gone out; where there was no more warmth. Everything had turned cold and dark, and the place was full of dread. Through the four long days she and her sister had sat thus in meditation and contemplation of their sorrow. Then, Jesus came, and Lazarus was restored, and here he is now reclining there at the table, eating like a harvest hand, strong and robust. He represents her blessing.

Now I see her eyes as they leave Lazarus and move across the table and fasten themselves upon Jesus. Her contemplation now moves from the blessing to the Blesser, and as she realizes that it was Jesus who changed it all, that it was Jesus who brought warmth and sunshine and hope back into the little home in Bethany, that it was Jesus who had done it all, love begins to well up in her soul. Great, surging billows of it seize her and carry her on in the great

floodtide of emotion, and, as she contemplates Jesus, I can hear her saying softly to herself, "Oh, how I love Him! Oh, how I love Him!" Then love comes to its climactic. Love must go into action. And without a moment's hesitation, without a moment's consideration of what she is doing, she lays her hand upon the most priceless thing she possesses, that precious expensive little alabaster box filled with ointment of spikenard, very costly, and she rushes to the Saviour and crushes it in her hands and pours it out over his feet—love has gone into action!

May I pause long enough here to inject this thought? When Mary went into action on the emotion of love she was not cool and cold and calculating. It never entered her head to think a moment about what she was doing. There with a reckless abandonment of love. She wanted to do something to tell Jesus how she loved Him and it mattered not to her that she was taking everything that the little home in Bethany had saved up through the years!

Ah, I wonder if it is that way with you and me? Let me tell you, my friend, if every time you do something for Jesus Christ you sit down and try to figure it out in what it cost you to do it; if every time you sacrifice something for Jesus Christ, you kind of put it down in a mental note book—"I did that for Jesus Christ and it cost me so much; I sacrificed \$500 on a call to another pastorate or something for Jesus," or you may be a tither and at the end of the year when you total up your income you discover that you paid 12 cents or 13 cents more into the church than your tithe came to, and you go to the tithe box and take the 13 cents out and put it in your pocket—you keep books on God Almighty like you would keep books on a hired hand—if that is the kind of love you've got, if that is the kind of sacrificial service you have, you need another dip in the floodtides of love. That isn't love; that's just cold business. Love doesn't stop to consider what it costs.

The missionary who goes to a foreign field and comes home with a broken, twisted body and

an almost hopeless future, and is laid upon the shelf—can't be used anywhere any more, doesn't sit around and say, "That is what it cost me to serve Jesus Christ." They tell you it is a high and holy privilege! And so with Mary. She broke the box over the Saviour's feet and the record here is that the odor of it filled the room where they sat.

I think it was something like that, dear friends, with God. In the mighty climactic of divine love when love must express itself in action, God in Heaven didn't look around and say, "Well now, I wonder what I can spare. Can I send the Archangel Gabriel? Can I send Michael? Can I send the seraphs?" Without a moment's hesitation, God Almighty reached out and took the precious ointment of the deity of His own Son, put it into the alabaster box of sinless humanity and then sent it out to a hill hard by a city's gate, and when it was secured to a cross of wood, God in Heaven reached down, struck it a crushing blow, and it broke and smashed in pieces. Out of the broken alabaster box of His sinless humanity there flowed the saving ointment of His deity and the odor of it fills this church where we sit this morning! God so loved that He gave. God's love is expressive in its action.

### II. Extraordinary In Its Choice

I would remind you, in the second place, that God's love is extraordinary in its choice. God so loved the world, God so loved the cosmos—not the angels, not the sun and the moon and the stars, not the beautiful scenery of His own creation, not the flowing streams and the nestling lakes and the snow-capped peaks and the flower-decked plains—God so loved the cosmos. And the marvel, the extraordinary marvel of the love of God in loving the cosmos is seen in what God, on a number of occasions, has said about that very cosmos.

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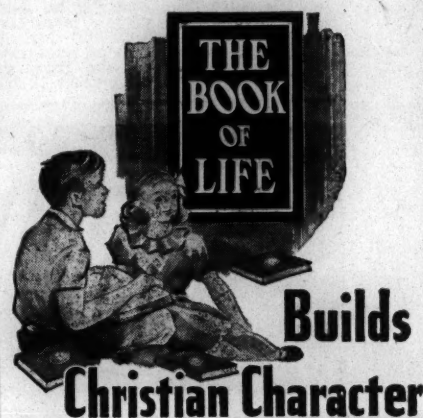
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at the first chapter of Isaiah, verses 5 and 6, if you want a little indication of what God has to say about this thing that we are now told that He loves. Look at it. Here is the picture of the great colossus of the Adamic race as God sees it. He said, "The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment." This is what God says about the cosmos. He says that this old Adamic man who stands here like a mighty colossus has a head that is sick—sick with an intellectualism that will not let God Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, do anything that a university professor cannot scientifically understand, pigeonhole, and catalogue on the basis of rational and natural understanding; sick with an intellectualism that denies the supernatural and reduces everything to the low plane of the natural; sick with an intellectualism that denies the eternal deity of Jesus Christ; sick with an intellectualism that denies the virgin birth of Jesus Christ, and sends Him down the road of the ages stamped as the illegitimate son of a fallen Jewish girl and an immoral Jewish carpenter; sick with an intellectualism that denies the saving efficacy of His shed blood; sick with an intellectualism that denies the bodily resurrection from the tomb; sick with an intellectualism that denies the inspiration and authority of the Bible; sick with an intellectualism that denies the personality of the Holy Ghost; sick with an intel-

lectualism that denies the personality of Satan; sick with an intellectualism that would do away with the reality of Hell and the reality of Heaven; sick with an intellectualism that reduces all of us, Jesus included, to a bunch of polliwogs and amoebas on our struggling way up through the processes of evolution until some day, in some distant millennium, we may possibly become gods; sick with an intellectualism like that—is it any wonder that God said it has a heart that's faint and a body politic that literally drips the putrefaction of sin! "Putrifying sores which have not been bound up, neither have they been mollified with ointment."

So there we stand—this whole cosmos, this great Adamic race of ours, with a sick head and a faint heart, and a body politic that is literally dripping the gangrenous pollution and corruption of sin from every pore and fiber of our being. There we stand in all of our rottenness, in all of our stench, in all of our filth, before the eye of a holy God, and the extraordinary thing about John 3:16 is

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## Love So Amazing

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that God's Word say that it is  
that thing that God loved!

### III. Expensive In Its Sacrifice

I would remind you, in the third place, that the love of God is *expensive in its sacrifice*. "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son." Would you attempt, this morning, to measure the expensiveness and the costliness of the sacrifices of Jesus Christ? Tell me, what measuring rod would you bring? What system of weights and measures would you stand up alongside of Jesus Christ, and attempt to figure out on some mathematical basis the infinite costliness of the sacrifice of the Saviour? Where would you go? What kind of rod would you put down into the reservoir of love like this in John 3:16 and then pull it out and say, "It is that much?"

The only way that I can approximate, in my own thinking something of the great expensive character and nature of the love of God is to come at it from the angle of His agony. Come with me, will you, into Gethsemane's garden and there we see, under the olive trees, the Man clad in white raiment, His hands outstretched to the Father in prayer, His pale face turned to the

sky, bathed in the filtering moonlight as it trickles through the gently waving leaves of the olive trees. As we come near Him, we see that He is in agony of soul. As we crowd a little closer on that holy ground, we suddenly see those white hands turn to crimson and the white face splashed with red, and wherever His white garment touches His skin there oozes through great blotches of red, and we discover that He is sweating from every pore in His body great drops of blood. The agony! The agony of it all! The terror of it all! The depth of it all! Crowding in upon His holy soul is the consciousness of expiatory death at Calvary just ahead of Him.

Come with me as He moves out of the garden. See the traitor's kiss, then on into Pilate's hall. If you would measure something of the expensive character of the love gift of God in Christ Jesus, watch Him in Pilate's hall. Somebody thought it would be a cute thing to place a phony crown on this "phony" king! And so he secured a wreath of long spiked oriental thorns and shoved it down onto the brow of Jesus, and we see the great long spikes protrude through the eyebrows or nestled just underneath the pale skin of the temple areas, and then we see a man come up and lay hold of a handful of beard on the face of Jesus and he pulls it out by the roots. Then a brutal Roman soldier comes up with a doubled fist and hurls it with pugilistic fury into that blessed face until it is

bruised and broken and cut, and no longer looks like the face of a man. Then off to the whipping post, and there the scourge was laid upon the back, a great gash lays the flesh open, and before the fresh warm blood can cover it we catch the fleeting flash of bare white bone.

Follow Him again as He comes back into the hall, and some little wag walks up and ties a blindfold around His eyes, then takes a reed and strikes Him over the head, and stands off and says, "Heh! Heh! Hail, King of the Jews. Prophecy who smote Thee now." And as the Saviour stands, silent and dumb and mute, the little piece of pusillanimous humanity walks up with a mouthful of saliva and lets it fly full into His blessed face; and with the bitter saliva of one of His own creatures dripping from His bloody face and beard, He stands and utters not a word!

I am trying to get something, beloved, that can plumb the depths of the expensive character of the sacrifice of His love. Follow me, if you will, up the hill of Calvary. There nails have crashed through hands and feet, and from a pentateuch of wounds the crimson fountain flows, and there, in absolute nudity before His tormentors, He hangs those three long hours under the blazing sun, until at last the sun, out of pure shame, hides her face with her hands to shut out the sight of the murder of her Creator; and the rocky throat of the earth underneath His cross tears itself in pieces to protest the tragic thing that is taking place, and the whole earth quivers and goes off center, and wobbles in its course for a moment.

then, in the despair and agony of the cross, we hear Him cry, "My God," as He goes down under the fiery wrath of God against my sin and yours!

Come! Come with me this morning hour. Where will you find a measuring rod? What system of weights and measures can you use to plumb and determine the depths of the expensive character of such a love? God so loved that he gave His only begotten Son.

### IV. Extensive In Its Offer

I would remind you, in the fourth place, that this verse reveals that the love of God is not only expressive in its action, extraordinary in its choice, and expensive in its sacrifice, but it is *extensive in its offer*. "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever." Oh, thank God for that word! "Whosoever!" That's why I'm in this morning. That's why you're in this morning. "Whosoever!"

Look you! Down yonder in the African jungle, see that black-skinned savage crawling on hands and knees, mile after mile through the jungle trying to find his way to a little shrine, with a little stick in the ground and a feather tied to it, where he will pray to his god? Oh, poor lost African savage, you can be a whosoever if you will.

And you! You! Way up yonder, clear up there at the top, you, the President of the United States; you, the president of the university; you, the great man of wealth, of culture and education and refinement—you men and women up yonder who live with your head in the clouds, you, too, can be a whosoever if you want to—and all the folks between,

### V. Exclusive In Its Bestowments

I would remind you in the fifth place—the love of God here revealed in this verse is *exclusive in its bestowments*. Not everybody is going to Heaven just because Jesus died! The offer is extensive—whosoever; but the bestowment is only upon those who *believe*. Exclusive in its bestowment—whosoever believeth, not whosoever joins a church; not whosoever comes forward and is baptized either in a baptism or in a font; not whosoever is confirmed or does good deeds. Whosoever believeth—that's the word, blessed be God!—that's the word this morning. Without works of righteousness; not of works lest any man should boast. But this marvelous love, so divine, and so amazing, that we are talking about is a love that will have all or nothing. Away with your myths; away with your ceremonies; away with this and that with which you clutter up the altar of salvation! Wipe it all away; sweep it all way and let the altar of Calvary be decked only with a love, this morning, that reaches from the highest Heaven to the very gates of Hell and will save whosoever, upon one condition and one only—whosoever believeth.

### VI. Exceptional In Its Work

I would remind you in the sixth place that the love of God here revealed is *exceptional in its work*. "That whosoever believeth . . . should not perish." That word *perish* intrigues me this morning. I wonder if you have ever thought much about it. *Perish!* It only has two syllables, but you can't say the word softly. You can't put gloves on this word. You can't even whisper the thing softly. There isn't a soft syllable in it. *Perish! Perish! PERISH!* You can't speak it without feeling its harshness. It grates on you, this word *perish*. *Perish! Perish! Perish!* It scratches you, and tears you, and leaves you bloody after it has passed by. *Perish! Perish! Perish!!!! Perish!!!! Perish!!!!* It's a word that seems to have gathered up into its contents all of the agony of Hell; all of the heartache of a hopeless eternity; all of the screams of the doomed and the damned for eternity, all of the hopelessness of an eternal night without a morning. It seems to have gathered up into its two little syllables—*perish, perish, perish*—all the warped and twisted and broken hopes of a race. It seems to have gathered up all of the ashes of bitterness and mixed them with the gall of hopelessness. Everything that the human

mind can conjure up of agony and torture and loss and disappointment and sorrow are gathered up and poured into the two little syllables of this word, and in it we hear the echoes coming back to us from the corridors of Hell, as the people who will reside there through an eternity cry out, and it echoes up and down the corridors of Hell—*Perish! Perish!! PERISH!!!* I tell you, it is a word that rips and tears and scars and scratches and breaks you.

But the exceptional character of the work of the love of God's dear Son is found in the text. When God's Son upon Calvary's cross gets through with that word *perish* it lies broken and empty and harmless at your feet. On that awful cross, love so amazing, so divine, reached out and took hold of that word *perish*, and brought it to His own blessed lips, and drained every last bitter dreg of it into His own body, soul, and spirit, tasting death for every man. That terrible word *perish* Jesus Christ laid hold of in His love work upon Calvary, and He took all its agony, all its torture, all its ashes, all its bitterness, all its gall, all its doom, all its damnation, all that Hell could mean poured into that word—Jesus Christ took it to His lips that day and it went burning and scarring and tearing its way through every fiber of His holy body, soul, and spirit! And now that word lies helpless and broken and empty at your feet this morning, dear heart, if you will have it so. "That whosoever believeth . . . should not [he need not] perish."

### VII. Eternal In Its Benefits

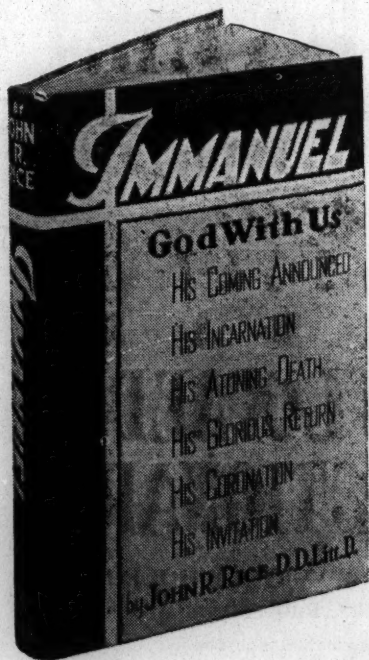
I would remind you in closing that the love of God is *eternal in its benefits—everlasting life*. My, how I praise God that there is one thing that is going to last! In this world where everything is moving and stirring, thank God there is one thing that is going to last. It is the life of God, and I have it in this body of mine this morning. Everlasting life! God's love is everlasting; it will never fail. Love will never let you down, my friends. It is eternal.

When you are walking up there through the sunlit paths of life, when the little wife is well, and the children are growing and strong, when the pay check is ample, and the bank account is growing, and everything is sunny and rosy, the love of God can take your hand, walk with you through the sunlit ways and sanctify those blessings so that they will be infinitely more precious to you than even the sunshine could be without it. But, let me tell you something else, dear friends; when the little wife sickens and is taken off to the hospital, and from there to the mortuary, and from there to the little city of the dead, and you come back into a cold and empty home and look into the upturned faces of the little children and in the darkness and the coldness you say, "O God, help me," the love of God can walk with you there. I know!

I shall never forget those ten short months in 1920, when five times in ten months the lightning stroke of death snatched a dear one from my side, including a father-in-law, a father, and a wife. I shut myself in my study by day and locked myself in my room by night, and groped in the cold darkness about me as I looked into the faces of Lois and Peg [Lois is now Mrs. Don Moffat], and I said, "O God, what . . . !" I wondered about a lot of things. There were a lot of things I couldn't see and I couldn't understand, but hear me, my brother, there was one thing that was never minus in those cold and dark weeks. It was the warmth of the everlasting, never-failing love of God that wrapped itself around me, drew me to His heart, and I heard Him whisper in my ear, "Love never faileth!"

I plead with you this morning who are here in this tabernacle, and you who are out there in radioland, don't turn down love so amazing, so divine.

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## Bird Life in Wington

By Calvin Reid



Senator Starling was up for re-election that year.

### ALL-WEATHER BIRDERIANS

For once Mr. Chicadee spoke his mind. I would not say he lost his temper. I think he was only using it! It was Senator Starling's fault. He should have known that Mr. Chicadee's vote was not for sale. At any rate, he knows it now!

It was during the depression when both worms and seeds were scarce and when the majority of birds in Wington were quite worried. Senator Starling was up for re-election that year, and his campaign slogan was, "The Woods Owe Every Bird a Living, a Worm in every Pot!" His slogans and his speeches deceived a great many of the birds who promised to vote for him, but not Mr. Chicadee. Senator Starling heard that Mr. Chicadee was against him, and, knowing that he had a great deal of influence among the birds in the backwoods sections, he flew out to see him one afternoon. After a bit of chit-chat of a general nature he said, "It isn't so easy making a living away back here in the woods, is it?"

"We have no complaint," answered Mr. Chicadee. "We work hard, of course, but we Chicadees and our cousins the Nuthatches don't mind that—it keeps us healthy."

"You would find it much easier in the city," said the Senator.

"I'll tell you what I'll do," he continued. "If you and your relatives will vote for me, I'll get you on the W.P.A. (Wington Puttering Administration) and put the Nuthatches on Relief!"

And that was what caused Mr. Chicadee to explode! "I'll have you understand," he said, "no Chicadee or Nuthatch has ever accepted charity, and we're not beginning now. As for the W.P.A., I'm not interested in spending my time moving leaves from one field to another and then back again. I prefer to scratch for a living and keep my self-respect. As for voting for you, any bird that does, in

were exactly right. I'm glad you told him what you did."

"But times are going to be mighty hard this winter," said Mr. Chicadee.

"Then we will simply have to work harder."

And that is exactly what they did. Even on the coldest days of winter Mr. Chicadee and Mr. Nuthatch might be seen working away hunting food in the forest. They kept their claws so sharp that they were able to run along the bottom side of limbs as well as on the top side. They learned to swing head downward from tiny twigs, like acrobats and trapeze artists in the circus. Thus they found hundreds of insect eggs and grubs which other less diligent birds had overlooked. Also, they found seeds which other birds had passed by as being too hard, drilled into them with their sharp little bills and lifted out the food. The fact is, they worked so merrily that Mr. and Mrs. Squirrel who were watching them one day thought they were playing.

"A very cold day for ice skating," said Mr. Squirrel, peeping over the edge of their warm nest.

"They will probably catch pneumonia," added Mrs. Squirrel.

But they were not skating, but working—and working so hard and fast that they did not catch a cold, much less pneumonia.

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Mr. Chicadee and Mr. Nuthatch, because they are just as dependable and industrious around the church as they are at home. Some birds, as you know, carry the W.P.A. spirit into the church, by leaving it to others to do all the work and make the contributions which pay the bills while they take it easy. Also, some stay away in the summer because it is too hot, and in the winter because it is too cold—fair-weather members, Pastor Penguin calls them.

But not Mr. Chicadee and Mr. Nuthatch. Pastor Penguin calls them "all-weather members." Because rain or shine, snow or sleet, hot or cold, they can be depended upon. "There are some words in the Bible," he says, "which describe them exactly—'Be instant in season, out of season, always abounding in the work of the Lord.' I am not surprised, are you? that Pastor Penguin is always wishing for more members like

Mr. Chicadee and Mr. Nuthatch!

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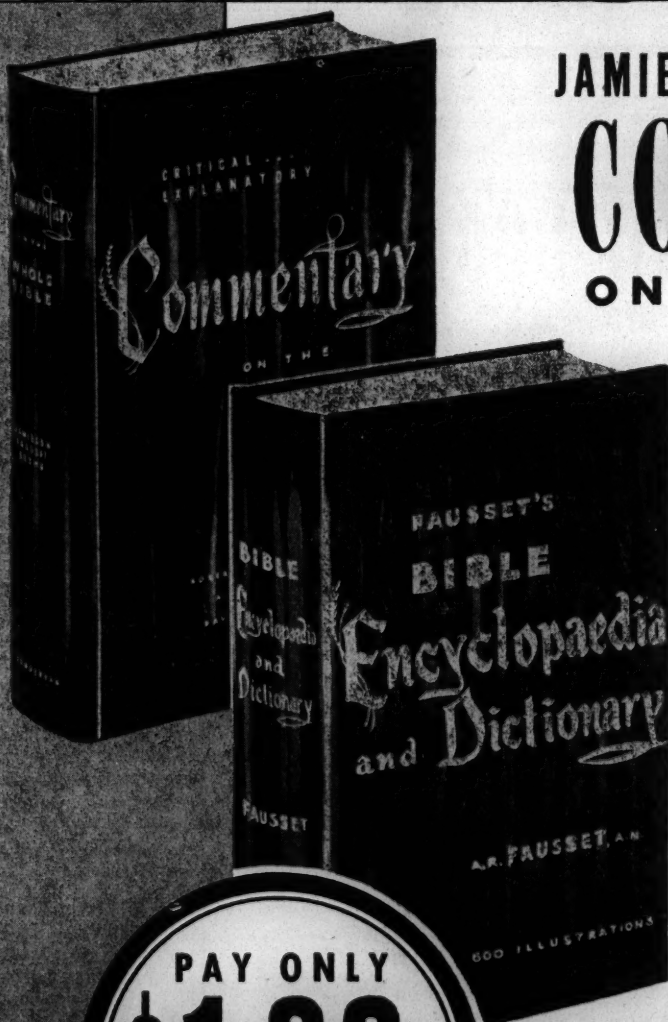
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